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SUBJECT: SECURITY FORCE FOR LEBANON

1. QUESTIONS BEING REAISED IN SEVERAL QUARTERS (INCLUDING QUERY FROM BRITISH AMBASSADOR) ABOUT YR VIEWS ON THE CREATION OF A SECURITY FORCE. MAIN REQUEST FOR CLAIFI- CATION CENTERS ON WHAT IS MEANT BY A STRICTLY LEBANESE FORCE. (REUTERS APPARENTLY SPEAKS OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE.) IN OTHER WORDS WOULD NON-LEBANESE INTEREST BE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE.

2. FOR THE MOST PART THE CHRISTIAN AND CONSERVATIVE MOSLEMS BELIEVE IT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR SYRIA OR SOME OTHER OUTSIDE POWER TO PLAY A ROLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE POSSIBLITY OF PUTTING TOGETHER A
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SECURITY FORCE THAT WOULD BE A PURELY LEBANESE

INITIATIVE AND BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF LEBANESE
UNITS MAINLY A JUNBLATTIAN CONCEPT AT PRESENT.

2. WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE FOR US TO BE SOMEWHAT VAGUE
ABOUT THE SPECIFICS AT THIS TIME.
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